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I/we am concerned about the continued vitality of the Salish Sea, where coal ships would make over 950 transits per year if the Gateway Pacific Terminal were to be built. I/we request that the GPT Environmental Impact Statement include the entire coal transportation corridor so that communities along the rail and marine routes are given due consideration. Questions that concern me, and which objective, rigorous and comprehensive studies should address include:

OIL/COAL SPILL RISKS: How will GPT's marine vessel traffic increase collision risks with tankers and other cargo ships in the area? What would be the effects on our region of a catastrophic oil and/or coal spill?

BOATING & SAFETY: How might fishing and recreational boating be affected by the additional capesize and Panamax coal ships in our waters? By how much will accident and collision rates increase?

ORCA, MARINE MAMMALS & BIRDS: How would the noise, pollution and physical presence of the additional huge vessels affect our orca populations? How would construction and operation of the coal port and the continuous transiting of coal ships affect other marine mammals, fish, birds, and the food web that supports them?

SALMON & FISHERIES: How would construction and operation of the coal port; up to 100 acres of pulverized coal in open, near-shore storage; and the coal ships themselves (size, pollution, noise, anchor dragging, etc) impact the crab, herring and salmon fisheries?

TOURISM & OTHER ECONOMIC COSTS: How would lost beauty, decreased orca populations, damaged fisheries and more crowded waterways affect our tourism industry? How would property values be affected? How much will we, the taxpayers, ultimately pay for costs directly and indirectly associated with GPT?

COMMENTS:

*WE LIVE ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER JUST SOUTH OF THE KALAMA
CERAM DOCK & 1/2 MILE FROM MAIN TRAIN TRACKS & ARE
SINCERELY, Very Strongly opposed to Any COAL projects in WA State,
& Oregon.*

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